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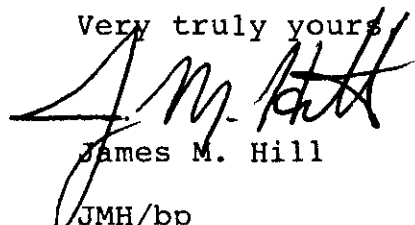
Robert Lance  
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RE: Himco, Inc. Dump in Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Lance:

Please find enclosed the responses of ESI Meats to your  
April 21, 1988 request for information. If you have any  
questions regarding these responses, please do not  
hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



James M. Hill

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Enclosure  
63200-00-565

RESPONSE TO EPA QUESTIONNAIRE  
April 26, 1989

1.    Dave Rieth                      Bob Jernigan                      Bob Wright  
       Carl Shoup                    Joe Warman                      Hal Shepard  
       Dave Butcher                  Kevin Graber  
       Fred Stein                    Tom Hoover
2.    Account Receivable Records  
       MSDS Sheets
3.    Mack Summers  
       Rick Crowley  
       Gene Stoner  
       Phil Moss
4.    ESI Meats was incorporated in 1969 to manufacture steaks and ground beef for the parent company, Ponderosa, Inc. The company moved from the original facility on C.R. 13 in Goshen, Indiana to the current facility in Bristol, Indiana in 1980. The company has grown from approximately 20 employees producing four food items totalling less than 100,000 pounds per week, to the current employment of 530 people producing 150 food items with a weekly capacity of one million pounds.
5.    During the 1969-1977 time frame, only four products were produced: T-Bones, Ribeyes, Strips, and Ground Beef Patties. The T-Bones were cut from frozen utility shortloins received in 60-pound boxes. This product was cut on a band-saw, dipped into a salt-based tenderizer solution, placed in a poly-bag, boxed, and then frozen. The Ribeyes and Strips were both cut from frozen utility primal cuts received in boxes. The product was pressed into a uniform shape, cut on a rotary slicer, dipped into a tenderizer solution, bagged, boxed and frozen. The ground beef products were a combination of frozen boxed trimmings, line trim, and fresh trim received in 2000 pound combo boxes. The product was ground, run through a patty former, boxed and frozen.
6.    The steak cutting operations generate renderings (bones, fat, saw dust) which are sold to a rendering company. It also produces trash consisting of corrugated boxes, poly-wrapping, plastic, and steel banding. The nightly sanitation generates a process waste, which consists of USDA approved soaps and sanitozers in solution with the fat and blood left on the equipment. Compressor oil is generated by the refrigeration compressors. Motor oil is generated by maintenance on the tractors used at the facility. Perchlorethylene is currently a bi-product of our USDA approved lab, however, this was not true during the 1969-1977 time frame.

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7. Animal Bi-Products - renderings  
New Carlisle, Indiana

Himco Wasteaway - trash consisting of corrugated boxes,  
Elkhart, Indiana poly-wrapping, plastic and steel  
banding.

8. ESI does not have records of trash and rendering pick-ups for this time period. There are notices of price increases from Himco for the 1974-1981 time frame.
9. The waste oils generated from refrigeration compressors and tractor maintenance were routinely applied to a gravel parking area to keep the dust down. Other chemicals such as caustic drain cleaners were disposed of in the waste treatment retention ponds at the facility.

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